## H. RES. 323

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Marina Day.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 17, 2003

Mr. Porter (for himself, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Quinn, Ms. Harris, Mr. Frost, Mr. Sessions, Mr. McHugh, Mrs. Miller of Michigan, Mr. Rogers of Kentucky, Mr. Saxton, and Ms. Lee) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

## RESOLUTION

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- Whereas Americans place a high value on recreation time and the ability to access one of the United States' greatest natural resources, its waterways;
- Whereas, in 1928, the word "marina" was adopted by the National Association of Engine and Boat Manufacturers to define a recreational boating facility;
- Whereas the United States is home to over 12,000 marinas that contribute substantially to their local communities by providing safe, reliable gateways to boating for members of their communities and their guests;
- Whereas marinas help preserve their environments by protecting the surrounding waterways, permitting not only

this generation but future generations to enjoy these precious natural resources;

- Whereas the Nation's marinas provide their communities and visitors with a place where friends and families, united by a passion for the water, can come together for recreation, rest, and relaxation;
- Whereas more than 140,000 people are employed at marinas, which create jobs and generate tax revenues for their communities;

Whereas the Marina Operators Association of America has proclaimed August 9, 2003, to be National Marina Day: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 Resolved, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
- 3 Marina Day;
- 4 (2) recognizes America's marinas for their 5 many contributions to their local communities; and
- 6 (3) urges all Americans to become more aware 7 of the overall contributions marinas make to the 8 well-being of the United States.

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